

## Council and SunTrust Are Close To Agreement on South Core

by Thomas X. White

On February 22 the Greenbelt City Council met in a work-session with representatives of CRM, the real estate arm of SunTrust, the new owners of the South Core development in Greenbelt West. This was a follow-up to an earlier council worksession on January 25 when the city planning staff had reviewed with council proposed revisions to the 2005 development agreement that had been entered into between the City of Greenbelt and Metropark LLC, developers of the South Core, and Metroland Developers LLC, developers of the North Core.

In the interim the city planning staff had met again with SunTrust representatives and had put finishing touches on proposed revisions to the 2005 agreement essentially separating the South Core provisions from those of the North Core and updating these agreements to form a new agreement between the city and SunTrust.

For this worksession, Councilmember Silke Pope was back from her overseas business so all seven councilmembers were present. City staff included City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Director of Planning & Community Development Celia Craze and City Planner Jaime Fearer.

CRM/SunTrust representatives included Norman Rivera of the Law Firm of Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan & Silver, LLC; Stephen Corridan with the Roseview Group, an advisory practice providing management services for bank-owned distressed real estate assets; and Michael Snyder and Alex Villeges of the Engineering firm of Dewberry-Davis.

### Changes Listed

Craze provided council with an updated listing of all conditions, some old and some new or revised, to be included in the proposed new development agreement to guide development of the property acquired by the bank through foreclosure proceedings

against the previous owners.

The listing of agreed conditions or contributions will constitute Exhibit H of an overall development agreement that council will consider at its February 27 regular meeting (see story below). Craze advised council that because of the change in ownership conditions applicable to the South Core must be separated from those entered into with the owners of the North Core.

At the current time it appears that SunTrust will be aggressively pursuing development proposals for the South Core, while the proposed development for the North Core has nearly insurmountable issues precluding any near-term development. Its ultimate fate may thus be tied to whether or not the Greenbelt Metro site is selected by the federal government for a consolidated Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) facility.

See **SOUTH CORE**, page 7

## Council Approves New South Core Development Agreement

by Kathleen Gallagher

Although a few items were jettisoned from the agenda in order to lighten the ship of state after the clock passed midnight, the Greenbelt City Council completed a lengthy agenda with numerous topics at its regular city council meeting on Monday, February 27. In the later hours of the meeting council approved a revised agreement for the development of the South Core of the Greenbelt Metro Station.

In May 2005, council had approved a development agreement between the city and the developers of Greenbelt Station,

including both the North and South Cores of the project. The agreement laid out the obligations of the developer in such areas as standards to be followed, contributions to the city for public facilities and required participation of the city in the development review process. In part because of the economic downturn, the parties involved have changed and the North and South Cores are now being developed separately, with the South Core development proceeding on a much faster track than the North Core. In order for the South Core de-

velopment to move forward, with the obligations of the new developer clearly articulated, it became necessary to have separate development agreements for the two parts of the project.

Council held worksessions on January 25 and February 22 with city planning staff and representatives of the South Core developer to separate the conjoined plans and agreements for Greenbelt Station into two. The details of the new development agreement for the South Core are provided in a separate article above.

The draft agreement resulting from the worksessions was on the agenda of the regular meeting for council approval. Present for the discussion were Celia Craze, director of planning and community development for Greenbelt and three representatives of SunTrust, which became the owner of the property following a foreclosure. Norman Rivera was present for Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan and Silver, which provides legal representation. Stephen Corridan was present for the Roseview Group, which provides management services for bank-owned real estate properties. Michael Snyder was present for the engineering firm of Dewberry-Davis.

### Highlights

Craze reviewed some of the highlights of the new agreement,

See **AGREEMENT**, page 11

## Women's History Month

March is Women's National History Month. In observance, the News Review will run articles about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known here.

The series is being coordinated by David Lange.

## G. Zanner: Physicist, Actor Talks about her Life Here

by Jim Link

What a long strange trip it's been and still is for Ginny Zanner.

Mother of three, physics major in college, mathematician and computer whiz at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), thespian extraordinaire (actor, director, dancer), community activist, grandmother – does the word “overachiever” come to mind?

To begin “in medias res,” Ginny came to GSFC in 1962 as a contract employee, hired to be a computer programmer. “At least that’s the guise I traveled under. I did a lot of contract work, jumped from job to job waiting for my career to be invented,” Ginny explained. “I did technical editing, preservation of materiel, various studies.”

“Like what?”

“We did a study on cold weather survival. We demonstrated that if your hands, feet,



Ginny Zanner

head and thorax were sufficiently protected in cold weather, you would survive. But I already knew that from my experience in my high school girls drill team.”

In 1979 Ginny's career morphed quite positively. “We began to capture radio signals from orbiting satellites. Mathematics was the

ideal preparation at the beginning of computer advances and development. We did a lot of calculation on IBM 704 digital computers, for example.”

A mere English major, the obtuse interviewer got lost in Ginny's dazzling technical expertise.

“We collected myriads of little bits of data and measured them for the experimental scientists – we calculated deviations of means and averages against standard statistical calculations.”

See **ZANNER**, page 13

## Population Could Double With Sector Plan Concept

by Thomas X. White

At the end of a February 22 Greenbelt City Council worksession discussing Metro Station South Core issues, Celia Craze, Greenbelt's director of Planning and Community Development, provided council with an update of the ongoing Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan/Sectional Map Amendment (Sector Plan) process.

She shared with council three “illustrative” conceptual maps of the Sector Plan area that represented existing (approved) development (Concept 1), a high commercial office scheme (Concept 2), and a high residential scheme (Concept 3).

Of most concern to Greenbelt were calculations that if the high office scheme of concept 2 were adopted, Greenbelt would end up with about 8,800 dwelling units, and if the high residential scheme of concept 3 were adopted, Greenbelt would end up

with over 10,000 dwelling units, in effect doubling Greenbelt's current population.

Craze also advised council that the Prince George's County Planning Department is beginning an aggressive schedule of meetings this spring to get community feedback on Sector Plan alternatives. In light of these developments, she said, the Greenbelt planning staff is working hard to develop alternatives and recommendations to provide council with viable responses and options that can be used by the city to influence the direction of the Sector Plan process.

She noted that the Prince George's County Planning Department is planning a staff charrette on the Sector Plan on March 6 but that Greenbelt planners will not be able to attend.

To that end, council tentatively

See **PLAN CONCEPT**, page 7

### What Goes On

#### Saturday, March 3

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Council Worksession – Pre-Budget Session and Visioning Goals Review, Municipal Building

#### Sunday, March 4

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

#### Monday, March 5

8 p.m., Council Worksession – Greenbelt Middle School, Municipal Building, live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)

#### Tuesday, March 6

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

#### Wednesday, March 7

8 p.m., Council Worksession – Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan Review, Community Center

#### Thursday, March 8,

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, Administration Building



# Letters to the Editor

## Letters Brings Two Cheers, One Wrong!

Three comments on the letters to the editor in the February 23 News Review.

On David S. Schuman’s response to Andy Carruthers: Perfect. As always, Mr. Schuman avoids undue emotion, states the facts and findings calmly and concisely and wins his case hands down, whatever the machinery of society may unfortunately – and one hopes temporarily – find to the contrary. Strength to your arm, sir. To those who aren’t discreetly choking on cigarette smoke, it’s easy to talk.

On Stephen Jascourt’s letter: an excellent alternative to doing nothing and perpetuating smoky housing. It’s long past time to kick the habit. Row covenants can sidestep the nastiness and pave the way.

On John Abell’s letter: respectfully disagree. Dogs bark at strangers. Car alarms bark at the wind. And our peace officers put up with enough – and risk too much – without the opprobrium of those they protect. Kennel that dog next door to me.

Donn Ahearn

## Stands by Position

I stand by every fact, characterization of fact and opinion in my letter published February 9.

Put another way, I continue to support GHI and agree with the court that David Schuman is not being harmed when his neighbor smokes cigarettes outdoors (and only outdoors).

Andy Carruthers

## Those Small Steps

My January 5 article, “Greenbelt Has Turned a Deeper Shade of Green during 2011,” was meant to show some admittedly baby steps we took. For those who noted large steps not taken, I agree we all need to do much more and hope we can all pitch in to become more sustainable. I also wish to address Donn Ahearn’s comments specifically.

I never meant to imply that corn is the answer to a sustainable economy. My point was that vendors had switched from a petroleum-based product, Styrofoam. We need to move away from a petroleum society.

Now to Mr. Ahearn’s bashing wind power. C’mon, let’s be fair. “. . . standing in a wind farm . . . in a forest that isn’t there anymore”? Sure, roads need to be built to install turbines but installers try to keep this to a minimum.

Mr. Ahearn’s letter is a disservice to News Review readers. It encourages people to continue buying “dirty” electricity from PEPCO or alternative electricity suppliers. Nearly half of PEPCO’s electricity comes from burning coal. Coal mining and burning have tremendous adverse effects on both animals and humans. As recent Reel and Meal films revealed, coal mining is completely destroying not just forests but entire mountaintops.

Burning coal releases CO<sup>2</sup> and numerous toxics into the air. Delaware’s Public Health Division confirmed a 17 percent higher cancer rate than the national average in the area

surrounding the Indian River coal plant. Coal ash disposal is another environmental problem. Eight and a half million tons of ash from Southern Maryland power plants at the Brandywine landfill caused groundwater contamination, according to a State of Maryland lawsuit and wind-blown pollution. Google “coal slurry fish kill” to read the extent of coal slurry spills killing fish and aquatic animals. The TVA Kinston coal plant spill released 1.1 billion gallons of sludge, 100 times larger by volume than the Exxon Valdez oil disaster.

Wind power isn’t perfect. No energy source is. Mr. Ahearn says that Spanish wind kills 6 to 18 million birds and bats per year. But let’s put this in perspective. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, collisions with the following account for these US bird deaths each year: building windows: 97 to 976 million; communication towers: 4 to 5 million; and cars: 60 million or more. Should we give up windows, cell phones or cars? However, I won’t trivialize this. I don’t like killing birds or bats either. I do know that turbine manufacturers are investigating designs that keep birds and bats away. Installation best practices now call for siting the placement of turbines out of the paths of migrating birds and bats. Even operating procedures are being taken to reduce these mortalities. We should never stop seeking ways to improve wind power but I choose wind hands down over coal-produced electricity.

John Lippert

See LETTERS, page 6

## Grin Belt



"Hang in there buddy, spring is coming."

## On Screen

### “Best Foreign Film” Opens Here Fri.

“A Separation,” the Oscar winner for Best Foreign Film, comes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, March 2. This taut, subtle, morally challenging domestic drama has a secular middle class family at its center. Simin (the wife) wants to leave Iran with her 11-year-old daughter Termeh to give her a life of richer possibility; Nader (the husband) wants to stay to care for his Alzheimer’s-ravaged father. They separate, seek a divorce; Nader hires the very devout Muslim Razieh to nurse his father. Violence erupts; a court case ensues. The characters are separated by gender, class and religion in this brilliant depiction of modern Iranian life.

Directed and written by Asghar Farhadi. Rating: PG-13. Running time, 2 hours, 3 min. In Persian with English subtitles.

– Jim Link

## Clarification

In response to the front page article “Minimum Cost to Widen Parkway Is \$343 Million” in the February 23 issue, the News Review has learned that the public should submit written comment as soon as possible, before the study is completed for submission to Congress. That differs from information that appeared in the article. Comments can be sent, with any associated attachments, to consultant project manager Greer Gillis at gillis@pbworld.com and FHWA Project Manager Lewis Grimm at lewis.grimm@dot.gov.

## Greenbelt Baseball

### DRAFT DAY

Friday, March 2, 6 p.m. (Braden Field #2)

Saturday, March 3, 2012. 10 a.m.

First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)

(Bad Weather Date Saturday, March 10, 2012 same time and location)

\*Major League Players Only\*

(Registration will also be available before the draft)

For more information please contact:

Commissioner – Brian Bailey at 301-395-1547 or at [greenbeltbaseball@aol.com](mailto:greenbeltbaseball@aol.com)

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

#### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 1 Court Southway & 17 Court Ridge
- Process for Reviewing Sublease Exception Requests
- Feedback from Membership on Proposed Revisions to Shed Rules
- Request from Members of 13 Court Ridge for MOC Changes to Prohibit Smoking in Units
- 2012 Gutter Cleaning Contract, 1st Reading
- Roof Replacements for Administration Building and Free-standing Homes, 1st Reading
- Purchase of Two Replacement Cars and One Replacement Pickup, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

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\*5, 7:30, 9:45

#### Saturday

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#### A Separation

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:45

#### Sunday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

#### Monday – Thursday

\*5, 7:30

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



# Community Events

## At the Library Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

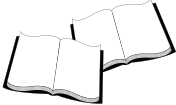
Thursday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

### Programs

Saturday, March 10 at 2 p.m., Tugwell Collection presentation. Learn about the library's special collection dedicated to the history of the city in recognition of Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit [www.pgcmcls.info](http://www.pgcmcls.info).



## Strategy Game Club Meets on Tuesdays

The Strategy Game Club meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

The group plays games such as Ticket to Ride, Slide 5, Carcassonne and Ingenious that get players thinking, using their techniques and skills to keep other players from winning the game. Strategy is key so come prepared and ready for a challenge. Everyone age 10 and over is invited to come join in laughs and a variety of games created to exercise the brain.

## Arts Advisory Board to Meet

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The board will meet with community arts organizations seeking new or renewed recognition group status in Fiscal Year 2013.

For more information call Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 5 through March 9:

Monday – Apple juice, Salisbury steak with beef gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned kale, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday – Orange juice, baked pork chops with plum sauce, baked beans, seasoned yellow squash, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday – Grape juice, stuffed cabbages with meat sauce, scalloped potatoes, seasoned broccoli, fresh orange.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, roasted chicken with mushroom gravy, northern beans, orange-spiced beets, apricots.

Friday – Apple juice, fish cakes with tartar sauce, stewed tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, fresh pear.

## GHI Notes

Friday, March 2, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, March 5, 7 p.m., Additions Maintenance Program Meeting – Board Room

Tuesday, March 6, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m., Executive Session of the Board – Board Room

Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., Rental/Subleasing Task Force – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, March 16, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Green Ridge House Wait List Opens

For two weeks, from Monday through Friday, March 5 to 9 and 12 to 16 the Green Ridge House waiting list will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for applications.

Green Ridge House, a HUD Section 8-202 apartment building at 22 Ridge Road, provides limited income housing for adults who are 62 years of age or older or disabled. Applications must be made in person. Applicants must bring a valid Maryland ID or driver's license and their Social Security card. Credit and criminal background checks are performed to determine eligibility.

All apartments are one bedroom units. Rent is 30 percent of one's income with a \$37,650 maximum gross income for individuals or \$43,000 for couples. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days of receiving a call that a unit is available. Only persons who would consider moving within the next six months to one year should apply.

## Greenbriar Phase I Annual Meeting


The annual meeting of Greenbriar Phase I will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Terrace Room. Those who are unable to attend are encouraged to turn in their proxy ballot.

## Computer Club Will Meet Next Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Everyone is welcome.

More Community Events on pages 4, 6, 12, 13 and 16



### Technology Activity Center Interest Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 7 to 9 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114


Join in a discussion to help create a technology activity center, aka hackerspace; a community operated place where people can meet, socialize and collaborate to share resources and knowledge to build and make things.

<http://GreenSTEMs.org>  
Grassroots support for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

## Greenbelt Soccer Alliance Spring Soccer Registration is Open

- Teams from K (age 6) through High School  
In particular 3rd – 6th boys and 5th/6th girls needed
- Teams practice in Greenbelt
- All games at same location each Saturday or Sunday
- MYSYSA affiliated.  
All players receive accident & liability insurance
- Volunteer coaches needed; training paid for, coaches' children receive discount.

To register go to [www.greenbeltsoccer.org](http://www.greenbeltsoccer.org) or call 240-391-8598



### The GHI Board of Directors has set up a Rental Task Force to review current criteria that members must meet to rent their GHI unit.

The Task Force will develop alternatives for the Board to consider in view of the current economy.

The next meeting is:  
**Tuesday, March 13 at 7pm**  
at the GHI Administration Building

*All GHI members are welcome to attend and to express their views.*



## The Hit Musical Coming to The Greenbelt Arts Center!

# Pippin

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## WEEK OF MAR 2

**FRI. – SAT.**

Ghost Rider in 2D, PG-13  
2:20, 7:50

Ghost Rider in 3D, PG-13  
11:50, 5:20, 10:10

Journey: 2 in 2D, PG  
11:50, 5:20

Journey: 2 in 3D, PG  
2:30, 7:50

Project X, R (!!)

11:30, 1:30, 3:40, 5:45, 8, 10:15

Dr. Seuss' Lorax in 2D, PG (!)  
11:30

Dr. Seuss' Lorax in 3D, PG (!)  
1:30, 3:40, 5:45, 8

Good Deeds, PG-13 (!!)

11:40, 12:45, 2:20, 3:30, 5:05, 6:10, 7:40, 9, 10:15

Act of Valor, R (!!)

11:55, 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15

Safe House, R  
11:40, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05

**SUN.**

Ghost Rider in 2D, PG-13  
2:10, 7:25

Ghost Rider in 3D, PG-13  
3:45, 8:15

Journey: 2 in 2D, PG  
11:50, 5:10

Journey: 2 in 3D, PG  
11:35, 6:00

Project X, R (!!)

11:55, 2:20, 5:25, 7:35

Dr. Seuss' Lorax in 3D, PG (!)  
In Spanish Language  
1:50

Dr. Seuss' Lorax in 3D, PG (!)  
2:20, 5:25, 7:35

Good Deeds, PG-13 (!!)

11:40, 12:05, 2:05, 2:40, 4:25, 5:05, 6:50, 7:30

Act of Valor, R (!!)

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Safe House, R  
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**MON. – THURS.**

Ghost Rider in 2D, PG-13  
2:10, 7:25

Ghost Rider in 3D, PG-13  
11:35, 4:45

Journey: 2 in 2D, PG  
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**PFLAG Support Groups to Meet**

On Monday, March 5 Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) support groups for young people (age 13 to 17) and for adults (age 18 and up) will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church at 7010 Glenn Dale Road.

Everyone is welcome. There is no fee. Support groups are led by trained facilitators. Confidentiality is maintained.

The goal of PFLAG is to help families heal and stay together. Participants can ask questions, share concerns and learn about other available resources for individuals and families.

A map and directions is available at [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org); for questions or details email [stgeofflag@gmail.com](mailto:stgeofflag@gmail.com). For information about PFLAG visit [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org).

**Craig Scholarship Applications Open**

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) is again offering its \$10,000 award to an Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior. Applicants for 2012 can now download applications from the website [davidcraigmsf.blogspot.com](http://davidcraigmsf.blogspot.com) or the ERHS website. The deadline for applications is April 28.

The DCMSF has been assisting ERHS graduates since 1987 as a privately funded non-profit organization. Since its inception it has provided over \$100,000 in financial assistance to help students achieve a college education and more toward their dreams. The students selected are well-rounded people with commitments to community, school, academics, their faith and themselves; young people with convictions to learn, live and love. The board of directors will choose another candidate in May who will join current recipients representing the greater Greenbelt community in showcasing the Roosevelt Way this coming fall.

**Contributions**

Those believing that higher education is a vital link to success are asked to provide financial support. To contribute send tax-deductible donations and gifts payable to DCMSF to P.O. Box 581, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

**Bike Ride in BARC Sunday, March 4**

All are invited to join in a community group bike ride in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), departing from Proteus Bike Shop in North College Park at 1 p.m. and returning to the shop at about 3 p.m.

Greenbelt riders will leave from the New Deal Café at 12:30 p.m. to head to the starting point. The route is 22 miles, with a rest stop at the Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center. The group will ride at a moderate pace – no one will be left behind.

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Dr. and Mrs. Clayton S. McCarl, Jr., of Millersville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Warrington McCarl, to Rachid Thomas Harrison, son of Ms. Fatima Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Harrison of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Miss McCarl graduated from Severn School and Vanderbilt University with a bachelor of science. She is currently a student at the University of Maryland Dental School earning a degree in dental hygiene. Ashley will be the first “fourth generation” McCarl to join the family dental practice after she graduates in May 2013.

Mr. Harrison is a graduate of Shaker Heights High School in Ohio and received a bachelor of science from the University of Maryland University College. Mr. Harrison serves in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed in Washington, D.C. His previous assignments include England and a tour of duty in Iraq. He is pursuing a master’s degree from Boston University.

The couple will be married in Nashville, Tenn., in June 2012.



**Astronomical Society Holds Star Party Sat.**

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, March 3 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin when it is dark enough, probably around 7 p.m.

Among the objects to be observed in addition to a waxing gibbous Moon, is Jupiter with its four Galilean moons, Venus (currently the brightest object in the evening sky) and Mars. In addition, the spectacular Orion Nebula (a region where stars are being formed) and several very nice star clusters are currently visible in the evening.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.

**National Gallery Hosts Piano Duo Concert**

The National Gallery of Art will present a free concert at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3. Pascal and Ami Rogé, duo-pianists will play music by Debussy. This performance is in honor of the reopening of the Nineteenth-century French Galleries. The concert will take place in the West Building Garden Court.

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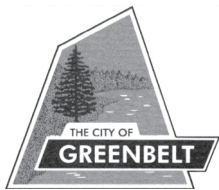
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# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3-9

Saturday, March 3rd from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** City Manager Update/Pre-Budget - Visioning Goals Review at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Monday, March 5th at 8:00 p.m. **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**— re: Greenbelt Middle School at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m., **GREENBELT ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. The Board will be meeting with community arts organizations seeking new or renewed Recognition Group status in Fiscal Year 2013, pending the groups' availability. For additional information, please contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison: 240-542-2057

Wednesday, March 7th at 8:00 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** re: Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan Review at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Public Safety Advisory Committee and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

## Update on City Council's Visioning Goals

Adopted following the 2008 Community Visioning Work Sessions

Saturday, March 3, 2012 10am – 3pm  
Council Chambers Municipal Bldg. 25 Crescent Rd.  
(Meeting will begin with Pre-FY 2013 budget discussion – approx. 1 hour)

## GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS 43 TALENTED TEENS IN THE GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL 2012:



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Saturday, March 10 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road  
Tickets: \$5 - CALL 301-397-2208 FOR TICKETS

Greenbelt CARES in partnership with the Prince George's County Department of Social Services announce:

## New Social Services Available at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Hours:

Mondays 1:00 – 8:00 pm  
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Mr. Chidi Ihedioha a representative from Prince George's County Department of Social Services will be available for those interested in applying for services such as the Supplemental Food program (SNAP), Medical Assistance and more.

Contact: Mr. Chidi  
240-542-2031  
Appointment and walk-in clients are accepted.

## GREEN RIDGE HOUSE OPENS WAIT LIST

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from March 5-9 and 12-16, 2012 from 9:00am-4:00pm. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older or be a disabled adult. All applicants must have with them a valid Maryland State ID or Drivers license and their Social Security card. All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one's income with a maximum gross income of \$37,650 for individuals and \$43,000 for couples. All apartments are one bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply.



## Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary GALA DINNER DANCE

Tickets go on Sale  
March 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

To Celebrate Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary a GALA Dinner Dance will be held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and will feature Peaches O'Dell & Her Orchestra.

Tickets are \$65.00 each and may be purchased in person or with a credit card over the phone at the Greenbelt Community Center business office 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21st by calling 240-542-2058.

After March 21st tickets may be purchased at the Greenbelt Community Center by walk in or over the phone from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For information or to purchase by phone please call 240-542-2058.

Make sure you get your tickets early. This will be the hottest ticket in town and once the event is sold out, tickets will not be available.



## SENIOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center Gym  
15 Crescent Road

Make your own Ice Cream Sundaes! Entertainment provided by Glenn Harris, Michael Suser & Renee Tannenbaum.

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## AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, March 4th from 1-4pm  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd

1-3pm: Make your own shadow screens.  
3pm: Shadow puppet showcase with Katherine Fahey, the Shadow Senators and Porch Puppets, plus live music by Ellen Cherry. 1-4pm: Artists' studio open house, art gallery, historical exhibits.

Katherine Fahey performing "Francis Whitmore's Wife" shadow puppet show .



# Letters to the Editor

## Proud of Joel

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) provides financial assistance to one Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior awardee each year, awarding \$10,000 through the recipient’s school years. This year’s outgoing recipient, Joel Sparks, will graduate from the University of Michigan in May and we are proud to share his story with our supporters.

The DCMSF is proud of Joel and all his predecessors for their accomplishments and excited about choosing another candidate in May to join our current recipients this coming fall. Below is Joel’s story.

Congratulations Joel Sparks!  
*Douglas A. Mangum,  
DCMSF*

I can’t tell you enough what a gift this scholarship has been! My past four years here at the University of Michigan have been some of the most enlightening exciting years of my life. I will graduate in May with a BFA in musical theater and move directly to New York City to begin auditioning as an actor. To help pay for school, I began teaching at the local high school (Ann Arbor’s version of Eleanor Roosevelt High

School). At first, I was a vocal coach for the kids, moving up to being an assistant director on a musical, to music directing a musical, to directing and music directing a musical and eight shows later, I am about to begin music directing my final musical at the high school, West Side Story.

In addition to working at the high school, I have been teaching the high school students private voice lessons. I teach about 11 students. Never would I have thought that I would end up teaching when I graduated high school. However, I have found educating high schoolers to be one of my greatest passions. I had the blessing of having fabulous high school educators and I feel like it is my responsibility to pass that gift along.

The University of Michigan has provided me with extraordinary opportunities, and has pushed me to new realms that I didn’t know were possible. As graduation quickly approaches, I am saddened to leave this very comfortable home I have created in Ann Arbor. But the prospects of New York City are very exciting and I am ready to move onto the next phase of my life. Thank you for your support, I feel very blessed!

*Joel Sparks*

## GIVES Meeting

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will have its quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 3 at 10 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The meeting is to discuss the activities of the first quarter of the year.

GIVES welcomes new members who would be interested in providing services to their neighbors such as transportation, computer assistance, yard work, laundry and other light housework.

Anyone who would like to become a neighbor helping neighbors can come to the GIVES meeting.

## Montpelier Exhibits Dinosaur Fossils

Beginning on Saturday, March 3 Montpelier Mansion will host an exhibit of dinosaur fossils found at Laurel’s 100-million-year-old Dinosaur Park. Dinosaurs Invade the Mansion will remain on display daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 29.

The fossils were first discovered by workers at the Muirkirk Iron Works on land owned by the Snowdens, who owned Montpelier. There will also be lots of dinosaur related activities for kids.

There is a nominal fee with a reduction for children and seniors. Montpelier Mansion is at 9650 Muirkirk Road in Laurel.

# Range of Themes At Poetry Slam

by Jim Link

Four themes were prominent in the poetry read by 14 performers to a crowd of 35 or so at the New Deal Café on February 22 – Valentine’s Day, Black History Month, Ash Wednesday and Deeply Sincere Raunch by new, young blood.

To credit just a fraction of the readers, Kim read “Hedgehog Haiku” and “Life is a Prison,” Sarah read excerpts from Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, Rocky witticized wildly with “I Sit on the Rim Of your Cup” and Joe returned from a long silence with “Staying Home From the Poetry Slam.” They were followed by Amy who wrote of Sergio, “a bad, bad man,” and Devin’s readings included the memorable “My father used my college tuition money to get himself a sex change.” Then Pat sent a frisson of fear through the crowd with his threat, “If I scare you, that’s my point.”

Our very capable mistress

of ceremonies, Julie Winters, read two touching poems by Anne Sucher, who died six years ago – “Oak” and “Arising.” Later in the evening she read Rob Baluch’s equally touching “Unexpected Consequences.”

Rob then read Langston Hughes’ “When Sue Wears Red” and his young buddy, Dan, read “America the Beautiful” in which he claimed, “I’m the creator of my own poison.” We were shocked by Mark’s assertion in his Valentine’s Day poem that “My life mounts me; I didn’t realize I was female.”

Peter ended the evening with a call and response reading of Poe’s “The Raven” with the rest of us shouting back “Nevermore!” at his signal.

The New Deal Café forges ahead evermore with its next open-mike poetry night (7 to 9 p.m.) on Tuesday, March 20, the first day of spring.

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**CRM Commitments**

CRM is prepared to proceed with construction of the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive pending approval of construction plans. All sides are hopeful that construction could start sometime in March.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan and other members were glad to hear the project will be going forward soon. Jordan, however, was concerned about possible traffic disruptions associated with reconstruction of the intersection.

Craze responded that such a project will cause a certain amount of disruption of traffic flow during construction but she and CRM representatives indicated that every effort would be made to keep the disruption to a minimum.

Jordan also good-naturedly noted to the CRM folks that he had hoped they would have brought the check with them. The estimated CRM construction cost is \$410,000.

CRM has already satisfied their commitment for police funding with a prior payment of \$240,000. This amount is being held in reserve to fund two paid police officers.

In addition CRM will make a \$250,000 contribution for police “facility” improvements within the project area. The contribution for facility improvements would be made prior to issuance of the first building permit or at the city’s request, whichever event is later.

CRM will complete all public and private recreation/open space/park amenities totaling \$1,445,000 by the filing of the 250th building permit, an increase from the original agreement.

In addition CRM will contribute \$1 million for public parks and recreation facilities in the project area or in Greenbelt West.

To satisfy the agreement CRM will make a \$500,000 contribution prior to issuance of the first building permit for the development. The remaining \$500,000 will be paid at the issuance of the 200th building permit or two years from the date of issuance of the first building permit, whichever occurs first.

**Beautification**

CRM will provide \$250,000 to the city for beautification and/or right of way improvements for Cherrywood Lane. Such funds are to be provided prior to issuance of the first building permit or at the city’s request, whichever event is later. An additional \$300,000 will be contributed for funding of interpretive displays, signage and displays associated with a trails system.

The city would be allowed to determine the appropriate use for such funds in the project area. The city may also wish to utilize these funds toward construction of sidewalks along the west side of Cherrywood Lane. In any case, such funds will not be transmitted earlier than the issuance of the first building permit.

Craze advised council that the provision of sidewalks on the west side of Cherrywood Lane are needed now. She also defined the scope of sidewalk improvements as from the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive southward to the bus stop directly across from Giant Food .

CRM also agreed to a new

condition that they would construct a pedestrian path/connection from their development to the Metro Station at an estimated cost of \$516,000. This new condition was made necessary by the expectation that the planned North-South Connector road from Greenbelt Road to the Metro Station will likely be delayed because of uncertainties with the North Core development.

Timing for construction of the path project depends on completion of the aforementioned North-South Connector road to its terminus serving the CRM development. It was also noted that WMATA cooperation would be needed for the connection to the Metro Station.

**New Conditions**

Two other new conditions were agreed to by CRM. They agreed to provide \$10,000 for appropriate “public art” for the common areas within the South Core development. Such art would be determined mutually by CRM and the city.

Another new condition agreed to by CRM was the improvement as a public park of a small (half acre) parcel on the west side of the North-South Connector road. The estimated cost is about \$37,000.

Considering the financial commitments made by CRM in the new proposed development agreement for the South Core, their level of contributions to be made to the City of Greenbelt would now total \$4,347,000, an increase in their commitment level of \$908,000.

Craze also noted other conditions contained in the complete Development Agreement. These are provisions relating to environmentally friendly infrastructure improvements such as street lighting and impervious pavements, entrance signs for the development and council review and approval for the naming or renaming of subdivision streets. Other provisions include implementation of a bike-share program serving the development, participation by the developers in a city-wide bus or tram shuttle study and a possible consideration of zip car stations. Council will also review architectural design and be able

to consider creation of a charging station for electric vehicles and the development’s relationship to the on-going Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment.

Specifically noted were potential connections to Branchville Road as it makes its way to Lake Artemesia.

Craze closed her presentation by suggesting that the proposed new development agreement would be placed on council’s February 27 meeting agenda for review and approval.

**Discussion**

The first reaction by the mayor and council was interest in how CRM feels about the proposed new agreement and whether they concur with Craze’s presentation. Norman Rivera responded, “Yes we do concur with the new agreement.”

The second reaction by council was Putens’ request for a complete document with highlighted changes from the previous agreement so they could be better understood.

Herling addressed the first substantive issue relating to impervious pavement features, an area that was the first sort of kick-back from the presentation by CRM representatives.

Snyder of Dewberry & Davis indicated that such pavement would not work for the entire community but would be considered for the edges of the development and for trail systems. Their reason was primarily attributed to the significant improvements the development would require for the soil structure in the area.

The introduction of storm water into these reconstituted soils on the property would undermine the work already completed to prepare the site for development. Further, he and his associates noted that the project has obtained approvals for retention and water quality treatment at two outfalls serving the storm water requirement for the development and protecting it from peak flooding of the Indian Creek tributary.

This information led the mayor and other councilmembers to caution about the design and maintenance features of “retention” ponds, citing longstanding problems the city has had with

such a facility in Greenbelt East (at Schrom Hills Park).

Putens emphasized that storm water management may not be sufficient. In response Dewberry engineers noted that other substantial work would be done to restore the flood plain in the former industrial portions of the tract.

They described a great deal of work already done at the site of a massive concrete pile on part of the site and more work in terms of reforestation yet to be done to restore the area. It was also noted that the city would have ongoing permit review for the restoration work.

**Homeowner Associations**

Another set of comments from councilmembers were related to how the development would set up homeowner associations or other governance arrangements for the various proposed housing developments. That concern then led to discussion of potential parking problems if no enforceable mechanisms were in place to limit the number of cars allowed in the subdivisions.

Putens painted a bleak outlook of some residences having up to five cars, again using the experience of Greenbelt East communities. CRM agreed that those situations cannot be allowed to happen.

Pope asked about the projected timing for the proposed development. CRM representatives responded that it would be about one year to arrive at a stage to determine the builder’s alternatives.

Roberts felt the development was “going too fast.” He also questioned the quality of the proposed housing units based upon current market prices.

Herling asked about their overall plan for transit options for the future occupants of the homes.

Corridan said they planned to get together with WMATA to discuss cooperative ways to provide good access to the Metro Station for future residents. He also noted their willingness to consider placement of zip cars within the development.

In response to questions relating to the location of retail stores

within the development, the CRM representatives responded that the development would essentially be a cul de sac design at the outset until an outlet to the Metro Station via the connector road would become possible. At such a time, there would likely be no more than “ancillary” retail, they said, such as a dry cleaner or a coffee shop.

Comments from the audience were mixed. Some felt the development would be like reclaiming a “destroyed” former industrial area.

One commenter suggested consideration of using more mid-space to high-rise apartments instead of town houses to save more green space. Others were concerned about assuring good connectivity to the other development in Greenbelt West and to the larger community.

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scheduled worksessions on March 7 and March 14 to evaluate the Sector Plan materials and to review proposed alternatives that would be recommended by city staff.

The Prince George’s County Planning Department has also announced on its website that the county council in January approved an extension of the Sector Plan process.

Here is a list of known milestone dates in the process:

March 15 – Community Workshop on the North Core, Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHL)

March 22 – Conceptual Alternatives Workshop, SHL

April 19 – Preferred Set Workshop, SHL

July – Draft Sector Plan released to public

September – Joint Public Hearing (Planning Board and County Council)

December – Planning Board Adoption

February 2013 – District Council Approval

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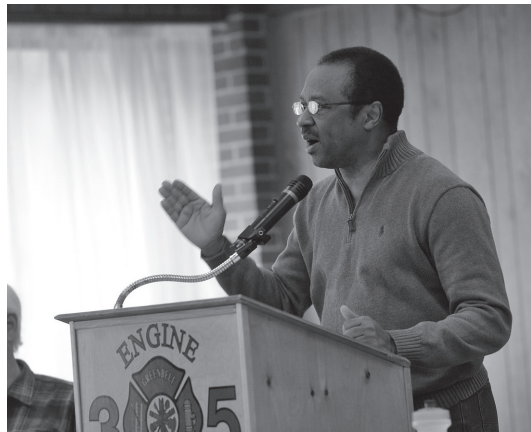
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# NEWS IN REVIEW

March 1, 2012

## GHI in 2012 and Beyond: Community Town Hall, Part 1

Excerpted with permission from “Greenbelt in 2012,” a photo blog by Greenbelt resident Eric Zhang documenting Greenbelt’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Part 2 will be published in the April edition of GHI News In Review.



Eldon Ralph, General Manager

Photo by Eric Zhang

On February 4, a town hall meeting is held at Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department to introduce the membership to the new general manager, **Eldon Ralph**, and to discuss the vision and tasks facing the cooperative. More than 150 people are in attendance. Ralph speaks.

“On my first day as general manager, which was December 12, I met with the staff and I shared with them our mission and vision statements but also discussed with them five values. These values are: first, do what is right; second, take care of our members; third, take care of our employees; fourth, foster teamwork; and fifth, use our resources effectively.”

“Now I have been here for fifteen years, and that’s really a very long time for anyone to remain in a job in this day and age. So you must be asking yourself, why am I still here? The reason I’m still here is because, and I’m saying this from the bottom of my heart, I really, really enjoy working with GHI.”

“We all know that GHI has a very rich legacy, and it is our responsibility to not only preserve that legacy and but also to enrich it, for the benefit of the current members and also for future members who are going to live in the co-op. And that is what I am going to do, working with you, working with our Board of Directors, and with our staff to enrich that legacy.”

“Our Board of Directors recently condensed GHI’s vision and mission statements into four ideals to make it easier for all of us to understand, and those ideals are: provide quality, affordable homes; preserve and protect the community; promote involvement; and nurture understanding of our cooperative and respect for members.”

Ralph concludes: “I want you to know I am very, very excited to be your general manager. I know there are going to be many ups and downs. But you know, there is a saying, if you can’t stand the heat, don’t be in the kitchen. I decided to be in the kitchen because I like working here. And I know with your continued support and good will that we will be successful going forward. I look forward to the challenge.”

**Tokey Boswell**, President of the Board of Directors, speaks about the Board’s 2-year vision and 2-quarter work plan (January to June 2012). The biggest challenge facing GHI is the aging of its homes, most of them more than 70 years old. A pilot program is being carried out in 28 homes and a community-wide upgrade is scheduled for 2015.



Tokey Boswell, Board President

Photo by Eric Zhang

Another problem that has become more acute recently due to the economic downturn is the rental problem. By rule, GHI homes are member occupied and rentals can only be approved by the Board of Directors in special situations. However, with the drop in house prices, many members who bought homes in recent years are upside down in their mortgages, meaning they owe more to the banks than what their home can sell for on the market. If they have to move, they will have trouble selling their homes, and members in these situations are asking the Board to approve their rental requests. Boswell speaks about a task force to study this problem.

Boswell talks about Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC), a wholly owned subsidiary of GHI. “It was created to be a for-profit company for us, and the profits from this company benefit members by offsetting the GHI expenses.” GDC currently owns Parkway Apartments in Greenbelt’s city center, and the apartment fees and maintenance charges are income for GHI. He also mentions that the board is studying possibilities of buying properties farther away such as in College Park or Silver Spring.

After Boswell’s presentation, **Karen Yoho** from the Nominations & Elections Committee speaks about the upcoming GHI annual meeting and election in May. Several members of the Board of Directors and members of the Audit Committee and Nomination & Elections Committee will be elected in that election.



Photo by Eric Zhang

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period. Highlights from the Q&A will be published in the April edition of GHI News In Review. The GHI Action Plan and Vision/Values presented at the meeting are available on GHI’s website at [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) or can be picked up from the GHI office.



## Celebrating the International Year of Cooperatives

The United Nations has designated 2012 the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC). This has a special meaning for Greenbelters, where co-ops have been an integral part of city life since 1937. The seven coops that make up the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance will be celebrating “75 Years of Co-ops” throughout the year, with a special event on August 12 in Roosevelt Center. Find out more about Greenbelt co-ops at [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop). For information about national IYC events, visit [www.usa2012.coop](http://www.usa2012.coop). The official UN site for IYC is [www.2012.coop](http://www.2012.coop).

### Woodlands Spring Thaw

Saturday, March 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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Join the Woodlands Committee for food, frivolity and a stroll along the Hamilton Trail (weather permitting) to welcome in the spring. Come meet your neighbors and learn about the Woodlands Committee’s activities.

## April Symposium Planned on Greenbelt History



A two-day symposium on “Sustaining Greenbelt’s Legacy” is planned for April 26 and 27 in the Greenbelt Community Center as part of the city’s 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The event will kick off with an open house at the Greenbelt Museum and address topics including diversity, public transportation, Greenbelt’s legacy, and new initiatives. A British architect will speak on Greenbelt’s connection to British garden cities. Advance registration is advised. Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/75](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/75) for details.

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Mon	5	7:00 p.m.	Addition Maintenance Task Force
Tue	6	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
Wed	7	7:00 p.m.	Executive Session Board Meeting
Thu	8	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Tue	13	7:30 p.m.	Nominations & Elections Committee
Wed	14	7:30 p.m.	Architectural Review Committee
Fri	16	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Tue	20	7:30 p.m.	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	21	7:00 p.m.	Woodlands Committee
Thu	22	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Sat	24	11:00 a.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Sat	24	1-3 p.m.	Woodlands Annual Spring Thaw Event
Mon	26	7:00 p.m.	Communications Committee
Tue	27	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
Wed	28	7:00 p.m.	Buildings Committee
Thu	29	6:45 p.m.	Investment Committee
Thu	29	7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
Fri	30	--	OFFICES CLOSED

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## Council Looks at Proposed Legislation

by Barbara Hopkins

At its meeting on February 13, the Greenbelt City Council introduced a resolution to fund an evaluation of the HVAC system in the Community Center with the goal, if possible, of improving it. The resolution will be introduced for second reading, discussion and possible adoption at council’s next meeting.

In addition, council reviewed several state and federal bills for the purpose of determining whether or not to support them.

### Alcohol Delivery

Prince George’s County Delegate Dereck Davis requested support for PG 301, which had been introduced by the delegation, to amend state liquor laws to prohibit businesses with alcoholic beverage licenses from delivering such beverages to the residence of consumers. Current state law allows deliveries of alcohol to residences in all counties. Councilmembers had questions about the wording of the bill. They wondered if it would prohibit delivery of alcohol that a consumer had ordered in person, where age could be verified, rather than over the phone.

Resident Bill Orleans spoke against the bill, saying he thought it would infringe on people’s rights to obtain a legitimate product. Council voted unanimously (with Councilmember Konrad Herling absent) to support the bill.

### Speed Monitors

Council unanimously agreed that a law (SB 486) allowing a trained and authorized agent to review and certify speed camera

violations would free up police officers for more important tasks. Current law requires a sworn police officer to review and certify the violations.

### Public Ethics

SB 146 would clarify that ethics forms required by state law do not need to cite each interest in a mutual fund. The Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee voted to support this bill as did the Greenbelt City Council.

In discussing the bill, Mayor Judith Davis noted that the ethics ordinance passed by the City of Greenbelt went way beyond what the state deemed necessary. City Clerk Cindy Murray told Davis she has received two applications for membership on the city’s ethics commission. There are three positions on the commission, so more applications are needed, she said.

### Electronics Recycling

Since electronic waste may contain toxic chemicals such as lead or mercury, the Responsible Electronics Recycling Act (S 1270/HR 2284) has been introduced to prohibit exportation of electronic waste to developing countries unless they are part of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Union or the country of Liechtenstein.

Luisa Robles, recycling coordinator for the City of Greenbelt, has assured council that all the city’s recycled electronics are processed within the United States. Davis, however, moved to support the bill, which has been advocated by the National League of Cities for years. She said it has munici-

pal impact on other cities.

Davis added that when council first addressed the bill at its meeting on January 9, residents spoke in its support. At the current meeting Lore Rosenthal also supported it as setting standards for recycling companies, as well as protecting the city in future contracts. Some councilmembers questioned the idea of “processing” waste, asking if there were assurances that processed waste remained in this country.

The vote to pass the motion made by Davis was unanimous.

### Citizens United

At its meeting on January 23, council had approved sending a letter to the city’s state delegates encouraging them to sign a letter from the Maryland General Assembly supporting a Constitutional Amendment to reverse the U.S. Supreme Court Decision, Citizens United. The Citizens United decision says that corporations and unions have protection under the First Amendment from limits on independent political spending.

Council was advised that 12 constitutional amendments have been introduced in the 112th Congress. City staff recommends that council wait for Congress to sort through its proposals before supporting specific amendment language. Councilmembers agreed to defer action on this issue.

### Voter Intimidation

Council also agreed to defer discussion and action on a bill sponsored by Maryland Senator Ben Cardin to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections. The bill is 22 pages long and had not yet been read.

## Council Opposes Weekend Ad Signs on State Roads

by Kathleen Gallagher

State legislation, Community Development Block Grants, reports on the Greenbelt Police Department’s School Resource Officer (SRO) and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) programs and renewal of liquor licenses were only some of the agenda topics the Greenbelt City Council dealt with at its February 27 regular meeting that kept the council members busy past the hour of midnight.

### State Legislation

Council unanimously agreed to oppose two bills before the state legislature (SB 360/HB 415 and HB 359) that would allow the State Highway Administration to issue permits allowing the placement of signs in the agency’s right-of-way for the weekend or for longer periods. Mayor Davis commented that in addition to other concerns about allowing the signs, it was likely that when the rights-of-way fell within corporate boundaries the burden of enforcement would fall heavily on the municipality.

Consideration of two other bills was deferred to the next regular meeting on March 12 since council wanted additional information and thought the discussion would be more lengthy: the Maryland Transportation Financing and Infrastructure Investment Act, which would apply the state sales tax to gasoline and a bill to establish a Telecommunications Tax Reform Commission, which was referred

to the city by both the Maryland Municipal League and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE).

### SRO Report

Council received a presentation from MPO John Rogers about his activities as the school resource officer at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and MPO Kelly Lawson described her work in teaching D.A.R.E. classes in the schools.

### CDBG Funding

Following notification from the county that recipients of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds could apply for additional funds to supplement current-year projects that were reduced because of federal budget cuts, city staff submitted an application for \$14,390 for the city’s funded project to perform tree trimming and replacement along streets in Franklin Park that will improve street lighting, aesthetics and public safety. Council authorized the mayor to execute the documents to accept the funds.

### Liquor Licenses

The county Board of Licensing Commissions had notified the city that all liquor licenses in the city were up for renewal beginning this spring. Based upon a staff report that there were no concerns that required objections, council agreed to take its customary “no position” on any of the renewals.

Matthew Inzeo was also appointed to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

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Betty Crocker Brownie or Muffin Mix <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b> 6-10.5 oz.		Shurfine Canned Fruit <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b> Assorted 15-16 oz.				Nissin Cup-O-Noodles Soups <b>40¢</b> Asst. 2.25 oz.		Shurfine Squeeze Ketchup <b>99¢</b> 20 oz.			
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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Drug Arrests

February 16, 11:51 p.m., 8300 block Canning Terrace. Two Greenbelt women, one 18 and the other 19 years old, were arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after their vehicle was stopped because of suspicious circumstances. They were released on citations pending trial.

### Burglaries

February 21, 11:31 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Electronics and currency were taken.

February 22, 10:37 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Electronics were taken.

February 22, 6:22 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Jewelry and currency were taken.

February 22, 7:17 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Nothing was reported taken.

### Vandalism

February 20, 11:59 p.m., Co-op Supermarket. A brick was thrown at a window.

February 21, 5:35 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A window was broken.

February 22, 12:42 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A sliding glass door was broken.

### Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen, a white 1997 Dodge Caravan with NC tags taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace and a red 1999 Chrysler Cirrus with MD tags taken from 27 Court Ridge Road.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A gray 2000 Nissan X-terra taken from the 100 block Westway was recovered by D.C. Metropolitan Police, who arrested and charged a 24-year-old male of no fixed address. A blue 2007 Suzuki motorcycle reported stolen through Prince George's County Police was recovered in the 5200 block Stream Bank Lane. No arrests were made.

Three reports of thefts from autos were received: 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (handbag, GPS unit and nursing equipment), 100 block Rosewood Drive (license plate expiration sticker), 100 block Westway (jumper cables).

Vandalism was reported in four locations: 12 Court Ridge Road (tires were flattened), 7600 block Mandan Road (a tire was punctured), Frankfort Drive at Jacobs Drive (a car door was damaged), 6400 block Ivy Lane (a car window was broken).

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.*

### Guide Dog Puppy Raisers Needed

Guiding Eyes for the Blind is seeking volunteers to attend classes qualifying them to raise puppies intended eventually to become guide dogs for the blind.

Local volunteers take these special puppies into their homes for 16 to 18 months, give them love and teach them basic obedience. The dogs visit many places in local communities – churches, colleges, work places and more, in an effort to introduce them to all sorts of life experiences so they are ready to do whatever their unsighted partner may need in life.

Training, support and veterinary expenses are provided free of charge. Classes meet on Thursday evenings. For more information contact Carrie Barnett at [cbarnett@guidingeyes.org](mailto:cbarnett@guidingeyes.org) or call 410-960-7427.

### Early Morning Bowie Bird Walk March 3

Meet at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 3 at the parking lot of the Fran Uhler Natural Area at Lemon Bridge Road just north of Bowie State University for the monthly free Audubon Society bird walk, held the first Saturday of the month year round. Beginners and experts may see resident and migrating woodland and field birds and waterfowl. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Call 410-765-6482 for details.

### Post-Emancipation Era Life Historical Talk

On Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. Krystal Appiah will give a free talk on what happened to Maryland's African American communities during the 1870 and 1880 post-emancipation reconstruction era. Sponsored by the Laurel Historical Society, the program is part of its Life after Freedom series and will be held in the Laurel Municipal Pool Room at Ninth and Main Street.

The Life after Freedom series complements the current Laurel Museum exhibit, "True Life: I am a Laurel Mill Worker" exploring the lives of Laurel cotton mill workers during the post-civil war period. The 1870 Census showed that while the area had a sizeable African American community, its members did not work in the mills but were listed as farm laborers, servants and workers at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Works.

Appiah, who is currently researching the period in the Maryland State Archives, will talk about life in Prince George's County and around the state.

The Laurel Museum is at 817 Main Street, adjacent to the Pool Room. The museum will be open from 6 to 7 p.m. before the program. Regular museum hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For details visit [www.laurelhistoricalso-ciety.org](http://www.laurelhistoricalso-ciety.org) or call 301-725-7975.

# Report Indicates Crime Drops In Greenbelt East, Franklin Park

by James Giese

In 2011 the number of crimes committed in Greenbelt dropped to its lowest level in over five years according to the December 2011 Greenbelt Police Department Statistical Report of class I (more serious) crimes. Not only was that true of the total number but in all but one of the major crime categories.

No murders were reported. Rape, at a count of five, was less than half the number of a year ago. Robberies were down by 15 percent to 90 for the year, the first year in many to experience under 100.

Larcenies, which usually account for more than half of all crimes reported, were down 41 percent, constituting only 47. Motor vehicle crimes were also down 14 percent from 2010 and down 58 percent from 2008 the peak year for such crimes.

This past year 354 fewer crimes were committed throughout the city than in 2010. All areas of the city experienced reduced crime except for Sector 6, the annexed A. H. Smith property in Greenbelt West that is still undeveloped, where three crimes were reported this year.

Greenbelt East benefited from the greatest crime reduction, with 195 fewer, a 47 percent decrease. Franklin Park, the massive apartment complex in Greenbelt West, also experienced very significant crime decreases in all but one crime category, breaking and enterings.

Citywide, breaking and enterings experienced a 15 percent increase over 2010 and, at 254, is more than double the 122 burglaries in 2008. In 2011, there were 78 more B & Es in Franklin Park than in 2010, a 78 percent increase. Conversely, there was a significant decrease in B & Es in Greenbelt East (47 percent), while Greenbelt Center experienced a small increase.

### Franklin Park

The new owners of the apartment complex now called Franklin Park appear to be succeeding in their efforts to cut crime. Excluding B & Es, there were 256 fewer crimes committed in Franklin Park in 2011 than in 2010. While all three city murders occurred there in 2010, this past year there were none.

While 9 of 11 rapes in 2010 occurred in Franklin Park, last year only one rape out of the five reported citywide occurred there. Similarly, while 41 of 66 aggravated assaults occurred there in 2010, in 2011 only 14 of the city's 35 assaults took place there. Larcenies dropped by 39 percent and motor vehicle thefts were down 29 percent.

### Greenbelt East

In Greenbelt East, crimes were down by one-third or more in aggravated assaults, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts. There were no murders and one reported rape. The only increase in crime reported was for robberies, there being four more than the 29 reported in 2010.

### City Center

While the central portion of the city also experienced fewer class I crimes, by category it was more of a mixed bag. The 150 reported crimes represented 16 percent of all city crimes. Greenbelt Center experienced a significant increase in motor vehicle thefts (79 percent) bringing the total to 34 in 2011.

While there were no murders, as in the past, last year two rapes were reported. Four more robberies raised the total to 15. Breaking and enterings were up by three to 26, while aggravated assaults, at seven, were down one.

Larcenies, at 66, down from 119 in 2010, is the crime category that caused total crimes in Greenbelt Center to be sig-

nificantly down from the previous year.

### Beltway Plaza

Efforts at Beltway Plaza to curtail crime also appear to be yielding results, with only five robberies, seven car thefts, three aggravated assaults, one B & E and no murders or rapes reported – about the same as for 2010. Larceny, which includes shoplifting, dropped by 23 percent to 72, accounting for last year's drop in crime.

The Greenbelt Metro Station is reported to have one of the highest crime occurrences among Metro stations. Most crimes, however, are handled by the Metro police. Greenbelt police report only seven crimes in 2011 – a robbery, three aggravated assaults, two larcenies and one motor vehicle theft.

### Traffic Accidents

In other good news, the number of traffic accidents during the past five years continues to drop and is 12 percent less than for the previous year with only two persons reported injured this year. Unfortunately, there was one fatality in an accident.

The 719 adults arrested by the police in 2011 represent a 28 percent increase over 2010, well above the five-year average for arrests. However, juvenile arrests, at 230, were down some from 2010 and somewhat below the five-year average.

There were 4,299 traffic tickets issued in 2011, well above the 3,417 issued in 2010 and the five-year average. However, at 512, the number of parking tickets issued in the past year was well below those of the previous year and the five-year average. The police department also issued 7,636 warning tickets and another 1,140 equipment repair orders for vehicles failing to meet safety standards. These figures were much higher than for 2010 and well above the five year average.

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including \$4.3 million in contributions to the city for its use, which represent an increase over what had been available in the earlier agreement. Rivera and Snyder confirmed that plans for the Indian Creek reforestation project had already been approved by Prince George’s County Park and Planning.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked if SunTrust was open to working with a group that might want to develop a cooperative or co-housing on the property. Corridan replied that the plan has already been approved but that the bank would be open to dealing with any proposal to buy that would work within the existing requirements. Mayor Judith Davis suggested that the part of the property that does not yet have site plan approval might be the most flexible part for the longer term planning that would be needed for a cooperative or co-housing.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts announced that he would vote against approval of the plan because he disagrees with the type of development that is proposed. He said the city does not need to have dense townhouses and apartments at that location and that he was concerned with the potential quality of the construction. He said he would prefer to have the possible FBI relocation on this property.

Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling both disagreed with Roberts. Herling said aspects of the density reminded him of the GHI courts. The mayor said she would like to see more retail on the property but looked forward to seeing the results of a study being done to see what retail could be supported. She also pointed out a letter from Marc (Kap) Kapastin, general counsel for Beltway Plaza, reiterating their position that no additional retail was needed in the South Core.

Councilmember Edward Putens said he was not in favor of building large numbers of townhouses either and that he had some reservations about stormwater management plans but that he thought overall they had done an excellent job in developing their plan.

Councilmember Leta Mach made a motion that the agreement be approved, with a second from

Herling. Lengthy discussion arose when the mayor opened the floor to comments from the audience. Michael Hartman said he supported Councilmember Roberts’ opposition to the project, noting among other concerns a likely substantial impact of the increased traffic on Greenbelt Road. Mayor Davis explained that initial plans were already approved by the county and that council’s role at this point is to work with the plans and try to improve them. She said the city had already had a great deal of influence on the plans but that since it neither owns the property nor has planning and zoning authority the city’s role is limited. Hartman implied that the city should somehow be able to convince the county to require that already-approved plans be redone.

Lore Rosenthal spoke to say that she was concerned with the vagueness of aspects of the plan, including architecture and the

likely price points of the housing, since that would determine who would be able to live there. She was also concerned with the lack of mixed use in the project and with some of the design and alignment of the houses.

Celia Craze replied that this project had never had “textbook mixed use” as a goal and that if there were a lack of commercial use, it would only be with the city council’s approval. She explained the role of city planning staff in the further development of the project, as well as the many stages at which plans would have to come before council to be seen and approved.

Bill Orleans also opposed the project. At this point, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to call the question. The agreement between the city and CRM Mid-Atlantic Properties, LLC (the real estate arm of SunTrust) was approved 6-1 with Councilmember Roberts voting against.

# Saturday Council Sessions: Budget Preview, Visioning

by Kathleen Gallagher

The city council’s week nights are usually chock-full of meetings, but it is rare to have a worksession scheduled on Saturday. This week’s calendar was so busy that two meetings were scheduled for Saturday, March 3. They are meetings of different types: one a worksession; the other a facilitated visioning session.

The first, at 10 a.m., is the city manager’s quarterly update worksession with council, including a preview of the budget presentation that will be made formally on March 26. The public

is welcome to come and comment or ask questions, as at any public worksession.

The visioning meeting, which will follow and last for several hours, is a retreat for council with a facilitator to discuss councilmembers’ goals for the city. Members of the public may attend in order to observe, if they wish, but there will not be an opportunity for questions or public comment. Later in the year a visioning event will be held devoted to participation by the Greenbelt public.

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# CASA Information Session March 14

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CASA recruits and trains volunteers age 21 and over to advocate for the needs of children living in foster care. After training, volunteers spend about 10 hours per month visiting with a child and collaborating with other adults protecting the child to ensure his or her needs are met and a safe permanent home is found. CASA is currently accepting applications for its spring evening training program.

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## ACE Presents Annual Awards at City Council Meeting

by Mary Moien

The February 13 Greenbelt City Council meeting opened with the 2011 ACE Educator Awards. Jon Gardner, chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), presented the awards. "The purpose of the awards," he said, is to "recognize a school-based adult who has made an exceptional contribution to the schools that Greenbelt children attend."

"While many of the ACE outstanding educators are teachers, we all know that many individuals contribute to the positive school experience of Greenbelt students. Because of this, a recipient may be any dedicated, capable member of the school team."

"This includes a teacher, a guidance counselor, other professional staff member, support staff or building staff. ACE selects the awardees based on nominations from each school's administration."

Among those congratulating the awardees was Prince George's County School Board Member Peggy Higgins and Greenbelt's representative on the Prince George's County Council, Ingrid Turner. Members of council also congratulated the winners.

Each awardee was called up to say a few words, receive congratulatory letters and gifts and to shake hands with the dignitaries. Most school principals as well as family members and school "family" were also on hand.

### Maydag, Greenbelt

Annette Lynne Maydag, a first grade teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School, has been at the school for three years and has worked in education altogether for 16 years.

Her award says Maydag is an outstanding first grade teacher who has created a warm and orderly learning environment for her students. She brings many creative and innovative instructional strategies to the school district's curriculums. As a result, she always engages her students in meaningful student-centered activities.

Her knowledge of up-coming education trends, motivational techniques and her sincere love of children is evident in her classroom each and every day, the award confirmed. In addition, Maydag praises her students for their successes and always encourages them to do their best.

### Kohout, SHL

Stephanie Kohout is gym teacher and Healthy Schools Coordinator at Springhill Lake Elementary School. She was selected for the 2012 ACE Educator Award to recognize her invaluable contributions to the community and the school.

Kohout applied for and received numerous grants for the school's HEALTHY program that



**ACE members and county representatives join Greenbelt City Councilmembers in congratulating winners of the ACE Educator Awards at council's meeting on February 13. Back row, L to R: ACE member David Whiteman; school board member Peggy Higgins; Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Turner; Greenbelt City Councilmembers Ed Putens, Leta Mach; Mayor Judith Davis; Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Rodney Roberts and Silke Pope; ACE chair Jon Gardner. Front row, L to R: ACE members Sudhanshu Sinha, Don Rich, Elsie Waynes; ACE awardees Linda Watson (ERHS), Angela Atwell (GMS), Robert Allen (MES), Annette Lynne Maydag (GES), Stephanie Kohout (SHLES); ACE member Susan Breon. Award winner Kelly Henry of Turning Point Academy was not present at the ceremony.**

promotes a healthy lifestyle and for motivating staff and students to pursue it. She also organized events for staff, families and students to help improve their eating and fitness habits. Among grants she has obtained for the school include some from ACE.

### Allen, Magnolia

Robert Allen, a sixth grade teacher at Magnolia Elementary, has a total of 20 years' experience, 13 at Magnolia. His award indicates that he always goes beyond the call of duty. Extremely influential with all of the students, he is often called upon to assist those who are having difficulty and who need guidance.

Allen promotes the Science Bowl competition with Magnolia students, who have advanced through several levels of competition. He has also led his team to a county championship.

As one important way to help students, Allen has obtained grants to promote mentoring. He serves as coordinator of the Positive Direction for Youth program and is on the Magnolia School Incentive Committee.

Allen uses his creative talents to help organize an annual variety show, which always is a hit with the school community. When it comes to relationships with other teachers, he is "the life of the party," keeping everyone entertained and laughing.

### Henry, Turning Point

Kelly Henry was selected to receive the 2011 Ace Educator Award for Turning Point Academy. A fourth grade teacher, she has been at the school for two years. Henry has worked with Scholastic Books, the honor roll

and students who have difficulty in other classrooms. She is the grade level chair.

Her nominators say she is constantly looking for new and innovative ways to instruct her students. Differentiated instruction is her strong suit.

According to Henry, all students can learn. She does not judge a child based upon what others have told her but upon what she herself can assess. She takes children on field trips to expose them to new situations and takes the lead with experiential learning.

Henry spends long hours at work, as reflected in her presentation in the classroom. Her use of technology is obvious when looking at lessons she presents to the children. She has integrity and is a role model for others.

### Atwell, GMS

Angela Atwell was selected for the ACE Educator Award because of the drive and dedication she brings to her mathematics instruction at Greenbelt Middle School. She has been teaching for more than 30 years and has shaped the lives of many students. Accolades for Atwell include her truly dedicated professionalism of human growth and development. She demonstrates daily that all children can and will succeed when they are provided high quality instruction.

Although Atwell is a seasoned teacher, she seeks out diverse 21st century instructional resources to enhance the learning of students. Atwell is often the last teacher to leave the building. She works beyond the call of duty to ensure that students at Greenbelt Middle are not only

proficient and advanced in mathematics but prepared for life.

### Watson, Roosevelt

Linda Watson was selected for the ACE Educator Award for Eleanor Roosevelt High School because of her long-term commitment to maintaining the highest performance of the Science/Technology Computer Lab and for her work as department chair for the Media/Computer Lab Department. Watson puts in long work hours daily, often working late into the evening, and has even been locked in the building several times.

She meticulously prepares the three computer labs for use by students and teachers and teaches classes about computers. Students in the Science/Technology research program draw on Watson's expertise weekly. She also sets up labs for the many state and county testing sessions required each school year.

One of Watson's endearing qualities is her ability to be always available to help students and teachers while maintaining her huge smile and pleasant personality.

Even with multiple tasks to complete, she will always stop to assist someone in need. And when she is "on call" during testing or when helping with a computer problem, she walks at triple speed to solve the problem.

Watson has been at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for almost 32 years. She began as a business teacher in the school, moving up through the ranks to become Science/Technology Computer Lab Teacher full time and finally to become department chair.



Our sympathy to Marjorie M. Whitacre on the death of her son Todd Whitacre, who died on February 21, 2012.

At a recent Explorations Unlimited talk by city media specialist Beverly Palau on how to use new technology, attendee Linda Curtis asked if it could be used to see her young Polish friend Magda Kowalska in a performance on the Polish teen show "Little Idol, Poland." Palau showed the group how to find the show on YouTube and all were able to watch Magda's Michael Jackson imitation, for which she won first prize. Magda (also known as Madzia) attended Greenbelt's Camp Encore in 2010 and is remembered by many friends here.

A very happy 95th birthday today to Evelyn Bronstein of Ridge Road.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

## Soccer Registration Open K through 12

Registration for the spring season with Greenbelt Soccer Alliance is currently underway. Co-ed teams from K (age 6) to grade six play in the PGSI soccer league in Hyattsville.

This season PGSI will offer an all-girls division at the third and fourth grade level. In addition, GSA has two all-girls teams at the fifth/sixth grade and high school levels playing in the Takoma soccer league.

All games in the PGSI league are on Saturday mornings at the same location in Hyattsville. All games for the two Takoma teams are on Sunday afternoons at the same location in Takoma/Silver Spring.

Mid-week practices will start the week of March 11. In the Takoma league, games start March 18. In PGSI, games will start in April.

For more information and to register go to [www.greenbeltsoccer.org](http://www.greenbeltsoccer.org).

### Coaches Sought

Some teams are now almost full – with more coach volunteers additional teams can be formed. It is not too late to volunteer to coach for this season. Coaches' children receive discounted registration; GSA reimburses the cost for required coach training through the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA). To volunteer call 240-391-8598.

Greenbelt Soccer Alliance is incorporated as a nonprofit in the State of Maryland and is affiliated with the MYSA. All players are guaranteed a minimum of 50 percent playing time in the games and receive liability and accident insurance.

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Greenbelt Hedges

# Winter Is a Perfect Time To Tackle Pruning Chores

by Susan Harris

Pruning is the most important gardening task that most people never do. Or if they prune, they do it the old-fashioned way – by shearing plants into perfect shapes. But these days shearing is discouraged in favor of a more naturalistic style that’s better for plant health and requires less frequent pruning by the gardener. To my eye, plants allowed to look natural are just prettier.

This healthier method of pruning is called renovation or renewal pruning because it prompts the plant to grow new stems from the base rather than masses of new leaves at the outer edges of the shrub where they form a shell that prevents air and light from reaching inside.

The following are shrubs most in need of this type of pruning, which should be done soon – between now and April 1: Butterfly bush and beautyberry should be chopped to within three or so inches from the ground. Nandina needs its tallest, leggiest stems cut back to near the ground.

For cherry laurels, euonymus, privet, photinia and summer-blooming spireas, remove one-third of the stems to the ground, choosing for removal the tallest and oldest and the ones crowding the interior. That’s in addition to removing any dead, diseased or broken stems or branches.

Roses need yearly pruning, most of them in March. How and when depends on the type, however, so do a bit of research first.

Shrubs used in Greenbelt-style hedges need shearing to keep them narrow enough but still benefit from having up to a third of their oldest stems removed. Then, if the outer edge is thick and blocks light from the interior,



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Most hedges in Old Greenbelt need rejuvenation pruning.

use a hand pruner to punch holes in it. That will encourage growth on the inside while improving the air circulation that helps prevent disease.

Another group of shrubs should be pruned now, evergreens and summer-bloomers: abelia, beautyberry, boxwood (through July is fine), clethra, cotoneaster, redbud, dogwood, gardenia, hibiscus, St. Johnswort and osmanthus. However, individual plants may not really need it. Two that are often pruned – late-blooming hydrangea and crape myrtle – don’t need regular pruning at all, unless they’re too big for where they’re planted.

Winter Pruning

Why now? Winter is the best time to prune most trees and many shrubs because they are dormant. And for the leaf-dropping types, it’s when you can better see what you’re doing.

Just don’t prune spring-bloomers now if you’d like to enjoy

those blooms this season; wait until the blooms have faded. (Evergreens can be pruned any time from December through August.)

So in late spring, give these spring-blooming shrubs this seemingly drastic treatment and they’ll thrive – I promise. Yes, you’ll be removing huge amounts of plant material but be brave! Forsythia should be chopped down to the ground.

For azaleas, weigelas, viburnums and spireas, remove one-third of the stems to the ground. Rhododendrons don’t suffer from overcrowding like the others in this group but still may benefit from renewal pruning if they’ve become top-heavy or otherwise misshapen.

Before you grab your tools, just one more pruning tip: Make the cuts just above a node or branch, about 1/4 to 1/2 inch away. That way unsightly, unproductive stumps aren’t left hanging and cuts are made where they can generate the most new growth – at those nodes where the growth hormones are located. The tools you’ll use are hand pruners, loppers and folding pruning saws.

To learn more, just Google “prune X,” X being the name of the shrub and click on the links that end in “edu” or “gov.” For more visual help, do the same at Youtube.com.

Susan Harris is a Master Gardener and gardening coach.

## Invasive Plant Removal Sat. at Greenbelt Park

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants by joining a hands-on nature preservation activity Saturday, March 3. Meet at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

An invasive plant removal program will be held, rain or shine, the first Saturday of each month. Wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch or snack. Use of tick repellant is advised.

The Greenbelt Park entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For details call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

## City Notes

Street maintenance/special details crews installed two new pedestrian crossing signs on Hanoi Parkway by Eleanor Roosevelt High School and on Cherrywood Lane by the courthouse and filled rough areas on the lake path with gravel dust.

Horticulture/parks/playgrounds crews started renovations at Buddy Attick Park. Fixtures were removed, trees pruned and erosion control solutions are being implemented.

## Windtalker Brings Flute to ND Café

On Wednesday, March 7 from 7 to 9 p.m., recording artist Randy “Windtalker” Motz will perform his unique, haunting style of contemporary Native American flute music at the New Deal Café.

Motz describes his “Native SoundScapes” as the blending of Native American-style flute with lush orchestration and Native percussion. He will perform classic rock songs and compositions from his CDs (Native SoundScapes and the recently-released Canyon Whispers), weaving a musical tapestry that is relaxing, warm and soothing. Motz’ music becomes the soundtrack for the photo journey of his travels.



## ZANNER cont. from page 1

“Right.”

“I had to speak physics to the experimental scientists; I had to speak mathematics to the computer programmers; I had to speak endless variations of the English language to the engineers who have such different perspectives on what we were doing.”

“How did you feel about that?”

“It was fascinating!” Ginny enthused. “It had the same fascination as a jig-saw puzzle or a crossword puzzle. We redesigned the way we were measuring things and the way we presented them.”

Ginny added, “I’m happy to say everything I did at Goddard was obsolete the day after I left. Except for one thing.”

“What was that?”

We founded MAD (Music and Drama Club) in the fall of 1970! We worked on Wonderful Town; I was in the chorus and was somebody’s mother-in-law, I think. It was a howling success so we kept going. I appointed myself technical director and taught everybody how to get out from under each other’s feet.”

Ginny worked on almost every MAD production until 1987 when she retired at age 62 (Social Security eligibility) after 35 years at Goddard.

She was the director of Guys and Dolls in 1972 and has been a technical director, director, actor or in the chorus of Brigadoon, Pajama Game and Oklahoma! to name a few. As the key grip for Oklahoma!, “I directed scene shifts and set changes. I also discovered that I could dance again. I had injured my knee when I was 12, gave up my career as a dancer; the drill team helped, but arthritis stiffened my leg and it wouldn’t fold. Fortunately I had an understanding choreographer who shaped my routine appropriately. She had a bad knee, too.” Ginny remembers Once Upon A Mattress vividly because “I was a real dancer in that and my daughter Lelia co-directed it.”

When preparing for The Music Man in 1998, Ginny’s publicity head shot was wretched. “Randy Barr (the photographer) didn’t even give me time to comb my

hair. But we were equal to the situation; we replaced it with a photo of Maude Dunlop, the ‘pic a little’ lady in the mini-chorus on Broadway and just put my name under it. I looked just like her.”

Ginny directed South Pacific for MAD in 1973. “It was the most therapeutic thing I ever did after living through the war. A whole company of soldiers from Texarkana, Texas, (Ginny’s hometown) was killed in combat.

Only one returned. He was strong and smart and had a sense of humor. And subsequently he was slain by Charles Whitman, the Texas Tower sniper in Austin at the University of Texas (Aug.1, 1966).”

A member of Greenbelt’s Arts Advisory Board, Ginny is a big booster of GAC (Greenbelt Arts Center). “Their director Betsy Delaney is an excellent doer of things. My son Tommy does lights for GAC productions and for MAD, too, and anybody who screams for him. He learned from Carl, his photographer dad.”

Fortified with a degree from Rice University in Houston, class of ’45, major in physics, minor in math, Ginny was traveling east by train to visit relatives in Washington, D.C., when “shortly after Hiroshima, on VJ Day (Victory in Japan), the whole country erupted! What a party!” Her train was delayed in New Orleans, so “the French Quarter was a solid wall of human beings, celebrating.” On the way to Atlanta “I found myself in a car full of servicemen – somebody had a bottle – and like the miracle of the loaves and fishes, it lasted for all of us. We partied from New Orleans to Atlanta to Washington. All along my luggage was being borne by servicemen; a marine private carried my jewelry box.”

As I got up to leave I said “You are definitely a survivor, Ginny.”

“I had to be. I grew up in the Bible Belt as a Catholic.”

“And you are a winner, Ginny.”

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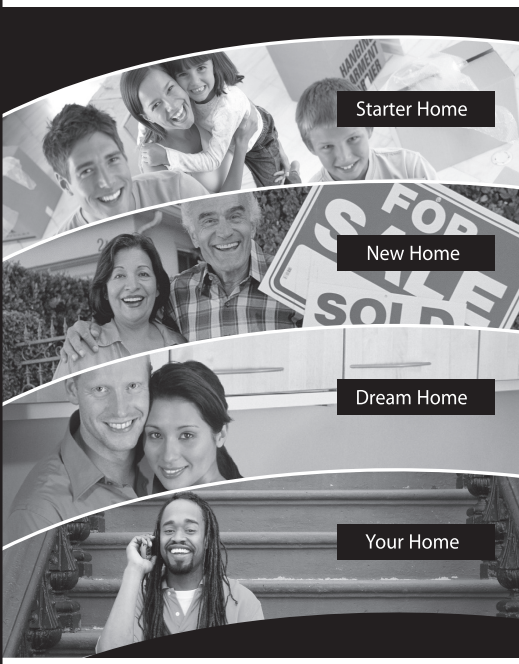
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# Greenbelters Hass, Cowan Give Recital in Bowie

On Friday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m., Greenbelt singers Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hass with pianist Susan Ricci will offer a vocal recital at the Christian Community Presbyterian Church in Bowie. “Saints, Sinners and Sweethearts” will make listeners love, laugh and pray with an array of songs and duets from four centuries.

Cowan and Hass, a husband and wife singing team mezzo-soprano and tenor have assembled an all-English language program, finding the serene and the silly in works of such contrasting composers as Henry Purcell and Gilbert and Sullivan, Benjamin Britten and George Gershwin, Samuel Barber and William Bolcom.

Art song, operetta and cabaret meet in a kaleidoscopic bouquet. There will be a feature presentation of the rarely performed Benjamin Britten “Abraham and Isaac,” Britten’s editing of text from the medieval Chester miracle plays, which served to teach Bible stories in a dramatic fashion.

Christian Community Presbyterian Church is at 3120 Belair Drive in Bowie. Donations received will be given to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry.

## Terps, Navy Play Together Nicely

Sometimes rivals, the University of Maryland and the U.S. Naval Academy will play on the same team in a free concert on Monday, March 5 at 8 p.m. in the Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on the university campus. The UMD Wind Ensemble and the Naval Academy Band will join forces for a spirited concert guaranteed to end with a bang as they jointly perform Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture.

No reservations or tickets are required. Admittance is on a first-come, first-seated basis, beginning 30 minutes before the event.

For more information visit claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or call 301-405-2787.



**Greenbelt residents Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hass will offer a vocal recital at the Christian Community Presbyterian Church in Bowie.**

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